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In re Application of)
Estell et al.) Group Art Unit: 1644
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Filed: February 8, 2000)
For: Proteins Producing an Altered)
Immunogenic Response and Methods)
of Making and Using the Same)

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 19, 2003, enclosed please find the following documents: Amendment and Response to Office Action and Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement with attachment of references.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 07-1048 (Docket No. GC527C1). A duplicate of this paper is enclosed.

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED DECEMBER 19, 2003

Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 19, 2003, Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments be made as indicated below. None of the amendments to the Claims is intended to narrow the scope of any of the amended Claims within the meaning of *Festo*¹. A listing of the Claims, showing the present amendments begins on page 2, while Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6, and the Conclusion is provided on page 8, herein. Applicants respectfully submit that the pending Claims are allowable and request that the present Claims be passed to allowance.

¹*Festo Corp. v. Shoketsu Kogyo Kabushiki Co.*, No. 95-1066, 2000 WL 1753646 (Fed. Cir. Nov. 29, 2000).